

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising:

an image information storing server connected to the network, and configured to store (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

a scanner having a document feeder connected to the image information storing server, not through the users, and configured to input image ~~information~~ data including both sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the image information storing device and first and second sheets of format image ~~information~~ data, the sheets of format image ~~information~~ data being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

an image information determining device configured to determine if the image information input by the ~~image information inputting device~~ scanner includes the sheets of the format image ~~information~~ data; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets the image information storing server is further configured to store the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user corresponding to the group name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected the storing of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the format image ~~information~~ data includes at least one of user information and user group information.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
said image information storing server is further configured to store image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

scanner means for scanning image ~~information~~ data including both of sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the ~~image-information~~ storing ~~device~~ means and first and second sheets of format image ~~information~~ data, the scanner means connected to the storing means not through the users, the sheets of format image ~~information~~ data being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

determining means for determining if the ~~input information~~ image data input to the ~~inputting scanner~~ means includes the sheets of the format image ~~information~~ data; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets the storing means further stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user corresponding to the group name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected the storing of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

the format image ~~information~~ data includes at least one of user information and user group information.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

said storing means stores image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claims 11-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

scanning, by a scanner connected to the storage not through the users, input image ~~information~~ data including both sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the storage and first and second sheets of format image ~~information~~ data, the sheets of format image ~~information~~ data being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

determining if the input image ~~information~~ data includes the sheets of the format image ~~information~~ data; and

storing, when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets, the document image ~~information~~ data in the image information storing device in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user corresponding to the group name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected the storing of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system as claimed in claim 15, wherein:

the format image ~~information~~ data includes at least one of user information or user group information.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 15, wherein:

in said storing step image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents is stored as one image file.

Claims 18-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising:

an image information storing server connected to the network, and configured to store (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

a scanner having a document feeder connected to the image information storing server, not through the users, and configured to input image ~~information~~ data including both sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the image information storing device and a sheet of format image ~~information~~ data, the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

an image information determining device configured to determine if the image information input by the ~~image information inputting device~~ scanner includes the sheet of the format image ~~information~~ data; and

wherein when the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets the image information storing server is further configured to store the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user corresponding to the group name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 22, wherein:
the format image ~~information~~ data includes at least one of user information and user group information.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 22, wherein:
said image information storing server is further configured to store image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

scanner means for scanning input image information data including both of sheet document image information data to be stored in the image information storing device and a sheet of format image information data, the scanner means connected to the storing means not through the users, the sheet of format image information data being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image information data;

determining means for determining if the input information data input to the inputting scanner means includes the sheet of the format image information data; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image information data is detected with sheet document image information data on subsequent sheets the storing means further stores the sheet document image information data in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image information data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user corresponding to the group name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image information data describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image information data in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 25, wherein:

the format image information data includes at least one of user information and user group information.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 25, wherein:
said storing means stores image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

scanning, by a scanner connected to the storage not through the users, input image ~~information~~ data including both sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the storage and a sheet of format image information, the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

determining if the input image ~~information~~ data includes the sheets of the format image information; and

storing, when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets, the document image ~~information~~ data in the image information storing device in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user corresponding to the group name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system as claimed in claim 28, wherein:

the format image ~~information~~ data includes at least one of user information or user group information.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 28, wherein:

in said storing step image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents is stored as one image file.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising:

an image information storing server connected to the network, and configured to store (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

a scanner having a document feeder connected to the image information storing server, not through the users, and configured to input image ~~information~~ data including both sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the image information storing device and first and second sheets of format image ~~information~~ data, the sheets of format image ~~information~~ data being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

an image information determining device configured to determine if the image ~~information data~~ input by the ~~image information inputting device~~ scanner includes the sheets of the format image ~~information data~~; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information data~~ is detected with sheet document image ~~information data~~ on subsequent sheets the image information storing server is further configured to store the sheet document image ~~information data~~ in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information data~~,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information data~~ indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information data~~ in an applicable folder or file of each registered user for the corresponding group name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image ~~information data~~ is detected the storing of the sheet document image ~~information data~~ in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 31, wherein:

said image information storing server is further configured to store image ~~information data~~ having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information data~~ in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

scanner means for ~~scanner~~ scanning image ~~information data~~ including both of sheet document image ~~information data~~ to be stored in the image information storing device and first and second sheets of format image ~~information data~~, the scanner means connected to the storing means not through the users, the sheets of format image ~~information data~~ being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information data~~;

determining means for determining if the input ~~information data~~ input to the ~~inputting scanner~~ means includes the sheets of the format image ~~information data~~; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information data~~ is detected with sheet document image ~~information data~~ on subsequent sheets the storing means further stores the sheet document image ~~information data~~ in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information data~~,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information data~~ indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information data~~ in an applicable folder or file of each registered user for the corresponding group name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image ~~information data~~ is detected the storing of the sheet document image ~~information data~~ in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 33, wherein:
said storing means stores image ~~information data~~ having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

scanning, by a scanner connected to the storage not through the users, input image information data including both sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the storage and first and second sheets of format image ~~information~~ data, the sheets of format image ~~information~~ data being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

determining if the input image ~~information~~ data includes the sheets of the format image ~~information~~ data; and

storing, when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets, the document image ~~information~~ data in the image information storing device in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user for the corresponding group name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected the storing of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 35, wherein:

in said storing step image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents is stored as one image file.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising:

an image information storing server connected to the network, and configured to store (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

a scanner having a document feeder directly connected to the image information storing server, ~~not to the network, with a cable through the users,~~ and configured to input image ~~information~~ data including both sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the image information storing device and a sheet of format image ~~information~~ data, the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

an image ~~information~~ data determining device configured to determine if the image ~~information~~ data input by the ~~image information inputting device~~ scanner includes the sheet of the format image ~~information~~ data; and

wherein when the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets the image information storing server is further configured to store the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered,

the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user for the corresponding group name, and wherein when the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data describes a group user name, said image ~~information~~ data server continuously stores the sheet document image information in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 37, wherein: said image information storing server is further configured to store image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

scanning means for scanning image ~~information~~ data including both of sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the ~~image-information~~ storing ~~device~~ means and a sheet of format image ~~information~~ data, the scanner means connected to the storing means not through the users, the sheet of format image information being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

determining means for determining if the input information input to the ~~inputting~~ scanner means includes the sheet of the format image ~~information~~ data; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets the storing means further stores the

sheet document image ~~information~~ data in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user for the corresponding group name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data describes a group user name, said image ~~information~~ data server continuously stores the sheet document image information in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 39, wherein:
said storing means stores image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, (1) registered group names and corresponding user names for each respective group name and (2) image ~~information~~ data in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

scanning, by a scanner connected to the storage not through the users, input image ~~information~~ data including both sheet document image ~~information~~ data to be stored in the storage and a sheet of format image ~~information~~ data, the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image ~~information~~ data;

determining if the input image ~~information~~ data includes the sheets of the format image ~~information~~ data; and

storing, when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data is detected with sheet document image ~~information~~ data on subsequent sheets, the document image ~~information~~ data in the image information storing device in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image ~~information~~ data,

wherein when the first sheet of format image ~~information~~ data indicates a group name, a controller determines if the group name is registered, and if the group name is registered, the image information server stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in an applicable folder or file of each registered user for the corresponding group name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image ~~information~~ data describes a group user name, said image ~~information~~ data server continuously stores the sheet document image ~~information~~ data in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 41, wherein:

in said storing step image ~~information~~ data having a plurality of pages of original documents is stored as one image file.